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Claim Amendments:

1. (Original) A terminal disposed on a carrier strip, said terminal comprising a contact portion; and a generally round barrel portion attached to said carrier strip, said barrel portion having a generally squared shoulder where said barrel portion meets said carrier strip, said squared shoulder facilitating cutting said terminal completely from said carrier strip.

2. (Original) A terminal in accordance with claim 1 wherein said round barrel portion of said terminal is attached to said carrier strip at two distinct points and said generally round barrel portion has a generally squared shoulder at each of said distinct points.

3. (Original) A terminal in accordance with claim 1 wherein said terminal further comprises an intermediate portion disposed between said contact portion and said barrel portion.

4. (Original) A carrier strip integrally connecting and including a plurality of terminals, each of said plurality of terminals comprising a contact portion and a generally round barrel portion attached to said carrier strip, said barrel portion having a generally squared shoulder where said barrel portion meets said carrier strip, said squared shoulder facilitating the complete removal of said terminals from said carrier strip.

5. (Original) A carrier strip in accordance with claim 4 wherein each of said plurality of terminals further comprises an intermediate portion disposed between said contact portion and said barrel portion.

6. (Original) A carrier strip in accordance with claim 4 wherein said plurality of terminals are integrally connected with links of said carrier strip and said terminals are arranged on said carrier strip such that there are first and last end terminals with a plurality of intermediate terminals disposed between said end terminals on said carrier strip, wherein each of said end terminals includes a barrel portion having a single generally squared shoulder where said barrel portion meets one of said links of said carrier strip and each of said intermediate terminals includes a barrel portion having a pair of generally squared shoulders generally diametrically opposed on said barrel portion such that each shoulder meets one of said links of said carrier strip.

Claims 7-10 (Canceled)

11. (New) A terminal disposed on a carrier strip, said terminal comprising:
a contact portion; and
a generally round barrel portion attached to said carrier strip, said barrel portion having a cutting facilitation portion for facilitating the complete cutting of said terminal from said carrier strip, said cutting facilitation portion comprising two approximately parallel planar surfaces disposed along opposite sides of said generally round barrel portion, said two planar surfaces

being adapted to simultaneously guide two cutting blades along said two planar surfaces to effect complete cutting of said terminal from said carrier strip.